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International application No. PCT/EP2005/003483	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 April 2005 (02.04.2005)
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 04/013K	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP2005/003483	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 April 2005 (02.04.2005)	Priority date (day/month/year) 08 April 2004 (08.04.2004)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant KALLE GMBH			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 04/013K		FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraph 2 below	
International application No. PCT/EP2005/003483	International filing date (day/month/year) 02.04.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 08.04.2004	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC A22C13/00, D21 H27/10			
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITYInternational application No.
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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis(4)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	4, 7, 8, 9	YES
	Claims	1-3, 5, 6, 10-13	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
1. Reference is made to the following documents:			
D1: EP A 0 264 873 (VISKASE CORP.) 27 April 1988 (1988-04-27)			
D2: US A 4 778 639 (JON ET AL) 18 October 1988 (1988-10-18)			
D3: US A 4 781 931 (JON ET AL) 1 November 1988 (1988-11-01)			
D4: US A 5 270 067 (UNDERWOOD ET AL.) 14 December 1993 (1993-12-14)			
D5: EP A 0 473 952 (VISKASE CORP.) 11 March 1992 (1992-03-11)			
D6: EP A 0 610 753 (WOLFF WALSRÖDE AKTIEN- GESELLSCHAFT) 17 August 1994 (1994-08-17)			
2. The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12 and 13 is not novel according to PCT Article 33(2).			
2.1 Document D1 discloses (the references between parentheses apply to said document) a foodstuff sleeve made from a textile material or regenerated			

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
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cellulose (page 4, lines 53-54; page 6, lines 1-6) impregnated or coated on the inside with at least one food additive that is transmissible to the foodstuff (example 7), characterised in that the food additive comprises at least one food colouring agent and/or a colouring food, but no binding agent (page 3, lines 46-51; example 7).

The subject matter of claim 1 therefore lacks novelty (PCT Article 33(2)).

- 2.2 Document D1 also discloses a method for producing a foodstuff, characterised in that a bladder filled with an aqueous liquid containing the colouring agent in dissolved, suspended and/or dispersed form is guided through the tube, and the tube is subsequently dried (example 7, page 17, lines 41-47).

The subject matter of claim 11 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

- 2.3 D1 additionally discloses the use of the foodstuff sleeve as an artificial sausage casing (page 6, lines 30-31).

The subject matter of claim 13 is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

- 2.4 The features in claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 and 12 can also be found in documents D1.

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
2.5	Documents D2, D3, and D4 likewise disclose similar products and methods that also include the aforementioned features.
3.	The present application does not meet the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT because the subject matter of claims 4, 7, 8 and 9 are not based on an inventive step within the meaning of PCT Article 33 (3).
3.1	Documents D5 and D6 describe the same advantages as the present invention with regard to the features in dependent claims 8 and 9. A person skilled in the art would therefore consider inclusion of these features in the foodstuff sleeve described in D1 to be a routine measure.
3.2	Dependent claims 4 and 7 relate to constructive features that are known from the prior art cited in the search report, or which belong to the usual considerations of a person skilled in the art, i.e., they are the result of normal technical activity and do not signify an inspired design. The subject matter of dependent claims 4 and 7 therefore do not involve an inventive step.